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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Jan-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK 01/28/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 01/21/06
Broiler/fryer	164,369	160,366
Light hens	1,456	1,513
Heavy hens	1,346	1,426

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 21-Jan-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	256	0	256
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	308	3	311
Same week yr ago	359	0	359
To-date/2006	680	3	683
To-date/2005	1,088	0	1,088

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,754	1,410	3,164
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,795	1,352	3,147
Same week yr ago	1,810	1,205	3,015
To-date/2006	4,940	4,162	9,102
To-date/2005	5,635	3,907	9,542

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 21-JANUARY-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	154,485	1,498	1,410	2,908
Avg Wt	5.40	3.33	7.91	5.55
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	167,302	1,487	1,349	2,836
Same wk yr ago	149,431	1,451	1,205	2,656
Avg Wt	5.33	3.20	8.11	5.43
To-date/2006	471,813	4,260	4,159	8,419
To-date/2005	469,112	4,547	3,907	8,454

A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.4 million head, or 6.0 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-JAN-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	29,276	12,256	52,387
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	6.38
% of total /1	31%	13%	56%
Last week	26,562	17,344	59,184
Avg Weight	3.69	4.67	6.50
% of total /1	26%	17%	57%
Same week, yr ago /2	23,130	21,664	42,602
Avg Weight	3.58	4.73	6.43
% of total /1	26%	25%	49%
To date/2006	55,838	29,600	111,571
To date/2005	49,413	40,869	91,650

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 21-JAN-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,504	2,830	28	6	4,368
Avg Wt	15.62	39.89	26.04	37.06	31.44
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,687	2,439	31	4	4,161
Same wk yr ago	1,541	2,493	29	2	4,065
Avg Wt	15.84	39.60	24.40	32.06	28.29
To-date/2006	4,499	7,235	74	22	11,830
To-date/2005	4,809	7,547	108	20	12,484

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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